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September 26, 1975

MEMO FOR FILING

Re: Box Creek Clay Mine
43-031-002
Sec. 2, T. 27 S., R. 2 W. SLM
Piute County, Utah

The above clay mine was inspected on September 23, 1975. The Forest Service sent the Division a copy of the operating plan in July on this mine, which spans both a State lease and mining claims. No filing has been made by the operator, Interstate Brick, with the Division.

Covering about 40 Acres with storage, stockpiling and excavation, the mining operation is generally unkempt with little apparent regard for overland flow of sediment from the site. The mine is at about 8,700' in elevation and is directly about Lower Box Creek Reservoir on the Fishlake National Forest.

Sediment from this strip mine is a potential hazard to the fishery in Box Creek Reservoir and the quality of water obtainable from the reservoir.

No provisions have been made to store topsoil on-site even though much is present in place (2'-3') revegetation should be a part of the operators reclamation plan when he files with the Division.

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COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND
RECLAMATION

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